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ADDRESS

Of the Right Honourable the

Lords Spiritual and Temporal

In Parliament Assembled,

PRESENTED TO

HIS MAJESTY,

On *Wednesday* the Twenty third Day of *March*, 1714.

WITH

His Majesties

MOST GRACIOUS

ANSWER.

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Die Mercurii 23 Martii, 1714.

ORdered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Aſſembled, That the Addreſs of this Houſe preſented to His Majeſty, and His Majeſties moſt Gracious Anſwer thereunto, be forthwith Printed and Publiſhed.

Math. Johnſon,
Cler' Parliamentor'

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In PARLIAMENT Aſſembled.

Die Martis 22 *Martii*, 1714.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majeſties moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Aſſembled, beg Leave to Preſent to Your Majeſty our moſt humble and hearty Thanks for Your Majeſties moſt Gracious Speech to Your Houſes of Parliament, and to Aſſure Your Majeſty, That although we Met together with Hearts deeply Senſible of the Goodneſs of Divine Providence to us in Bringing Your Majeſty with Safety, and at ſo Critical a Juncture, to the Throne of Your Anceſtors; Yet we could not but become ſtill more affected with that Ineſtimable Bleſſing, when we heard ſo very Affectionate Expreſſions from Your Majeſty towards Your People; ſo clear and full Aſſurances from a Prince of ſuch known Honour and Juſtice, that the Eſtabliſh'd Conſtitution in Church and State ſhall be the Rule of Your Government; and ſo Juſt and Tender a Concern for our not having obtain'd thoſe Advantages by the Peace, which would have been but a ſuitable Concluſion to ſo Glorious and Succeſsful a War; nor as yet a due Execution of ſome Conditions, even of that Peace, Eſſential to the Security and Trade of this Kingdom.

We are affected with Wonder, as well as with a juſt Reſentment, that a Pretender to Your Majeſties Crown ſhould be yet permitted to Reſide ſo near Your Dominions, eſpecially after his Publick Boaſting of an Aſſiſtance he expects here, and his Avowing a Deſign to Invade this Your Majeſties Kingdom.

We are but too Senſible, that our Trade is rendred Impracticable in the moſt Valuable Branches of it, and of the Ill Effects that muſt have upon our Manufactures and Navigation: But Your Majeſty may be Aſſur'd, nothing ſhall be wanting on our part that may any way Conduce to the Retrieving it.

Theſe and other Difficulties Your Majeſty hath met with on Your Acceſſion to the Crown (and which we muſt obſerve, in Juſtice to Your Wiſdom and Foreſight, would have been Prevented, had Your Opinion been followed) we muſt Confeſs are very Great and Diſcouraging; however we do not doubt, but that Your Majeſty, Aſſiſted by this Parliament, Zealous for Your Government, and the Safety and Honour of their Country, may be Able to take ſuch further Meaſures, as will Secure what is due to us by Treaties, Eaſe our Debts, Preſerve the Publick Credit, Reſtore our Trade, Extinguiſh the very Hopes of the Pretender, and Recover the Reputation of this Kingdom in Foreign Parts; the Loſs of which, we hope to Convince the World by our Actions, is by no means to be Imputed to the Nation in general.

And theſe good Ends cannot fail of being obtain'd, by Your Majeſties purſuing with Steadineſs, as You have begun, the true Intereſt of this Your Obedient and Affectionate People; And Your Majeſty may, by Gods Bleſſing, depend, that in Conjunction with ſo Loyal a Parliament, You will be Able to lay Foundations that can never be moved, not only of the Security and Glory, but even of the Eaſe and Tranquillity of Your Government, and that of Your Majeſties Poſterity, for which we offer up our moſt ardent Prayers, that it may for ever Continue to Reign after Your Majeſty on the Throne of theſe Kingdoms, and in the Hearts of a People truly Happy, and fully Senſible of their being ſo.

His MAJESTIES moſt Gracious Anſwer.

My LORDS,

I Thank you heartily for this Addreſs; Your Duty and Loyalty to Me can never be better Expreſs'd, than by ſhewing a juſt Concern for the Reputation and Intereſt of the Nation, ſince I have no other Thought or View, but to Promote the Proſperity and Happineſs of My People.

FINIS.